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22 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
23 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

24 LENZA H. MCELRATH III, individually
25 and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

26 Plaintiff,

27 vs.

28 UBER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

Defendant.

Case No. 3:16-cv-07241-JSC

CLASS ACTION

**JOINT CASE MANAGEMENT
STATEMENT**

Date: March 23, 2017
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Judge: Hon. Jacqueline S. Corley
Courtroom: F, 15th Flr.

1 Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f) and Civil Local Rule 16-9, the
2 undersigned counsel for Plaintiff Lenza H. McElrath III (“Plaintiff”) and Defendant Uber
3 Technologies, Inc. (“Defendant” or “Uber”) hereby submit this Joint Case Management
4 Statement.

5 **I. JURISDICTION AND SERVICE**

6 There are no issues pending concerning personal jurisdiction or venue and no parties
7 remain to be served.

8 **A. Plaintiff's Positions**

9 Plaintiff asserts that this Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the individual and class
10 claims asserted in this action: a) under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a)(1), because Plaintiff and Uber are
11 citizens of different States and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000, exclusive of interest
12 and costs; and b) under the Class Action Fairness Act (28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)), because the amount
13 in controversy exceeds \$5,000,000, exclusive of interest and costs, there are at least 100 class
14 members, and at least one member of the proposed class is a citizen of a state different than
15 Defendant.

16 **B. Defendant's Position**

17 Defendant does not contest that this Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the
18 individual and class claims asserted in this action under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a)(1), because Plaintiff
19 and Uber are citizens of different States and the amount in controversy, based on the face of the
20 pleadings, exceeds \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs. However, it is Defendant's position
21 that this Court does not have subject matter jurisdiction over Plaintiff's individual claims because
22 they are subject to the Arbitration Agreement (described further below), and this Court will not
23 have subject matter jurisdiction over Plaintiff's class claims if the Ninth Circuit's decision in
24 *Morris v. Ernst & Young, LLP*, 834 F.3d 975 (9th Cir. 2016), cert. granted (U.S. Jan. 13, 2017) is
25 overturned.

1 **II. FACTS**

2 **A. Plaintiff's Position**

3 Defendant Uber devised a fraudulent scheme to recruit highly sought software engineers
 4 and others by promising in its standardized Employment Agreements the most valuable type of
 5 stock options (Incentive Stock Options – “ISOs”). Specifically, the Employment Agreement
 6 stated that “Subject to the approval of the Company’s Board of Directors (the “Board”), the
 7 Company ***shall grant you a stock option*** covering [stated number] shares of the company’s
 8 common stock (The Option”), and that ***“the Option will be an incentive stock option to the
 maximum extent allowed by the tax code”*** (emphasis added). The Employment Agreement
 10 further specified a four-year vesting/exercisability schedule which guaranteed the ISOs would
 11 receive maximum ISO treatment:

12 “The Option shall vest and become ***exercisable at the rate of 25% of the total
 number of option shares after the first 12 months of continuous service*** and the
 13 remaining option shares shall become vested and ***exercisable in equal monthly
 installments over the next three years of continuous service.***” (emphasis added)

14 Compl., ¶¶ 15-16, Ex. A. This is because the Internal Revenue Code imposes a \$100,000 limit on
 15 the total aggregate fair value of ISOs that are exercisable by an employee during any calendar
 16 year and deems the excess over \$100,000 to be NSOs. 26 U.S.C. §422(d). By specifying a four-
 17 year exercisability schedule, the employee was guaranteed that up to \$400,000 (4 x \$100,000) of
 18 the options would be guaranteed to receive ISO treatment, rather than up to a maximum \$100,000
 19 if they were all exercisable within one year. Compl., ¶¶13-14.

20 Yet, months after employees started work, Uber breached its Employment Agreements
 21 by systematically giving each employee a standardized Notice of Stock Option Grant, which
 22 confirmed that the employee had been granted the number of Incentive Stock Options promised
 23 in the Employment Agreement, but contained a dramatically different exercisability clause:
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25 **“This Option shall be exercisable in whole or in part six months after the Date of Grant.”**

26 Compl., ¶ 16. This new six-month exercisability schedule was directly contrary to the four-year
 27 exercisability schedule specified in the Employment Agreement, and had the effect of making

1 all of the options exercisable during one calendar year, thereby resulting in Uber disqualifying
 2 all of the options above \$100,000 from ISO treatment, demoting the rest to Non-Qualified Stock
 3 Options – NSOs. This reclassification has also permitted Uber to take millions of dollars of
 4 payroll tax deductions which it otherwise would not be entitled to take, because NSOs are
 5 treated as ordinary income. Compl., ¶¶ 13-14, 17-23a.

6 The financial advantages of ISOs over NSOs are dramatic. An ISO is generally only
 7 taxed upon sale of the stock (not upon exercise of the option) and is also subject to favorable
 8 capital gains treatment. 26 U.S.C. §§ 421, 422. In contrast, NSOs are taxed much earlier – at the
 9 time of exercise – and at the employee’s ordinary income tax rate upon exercise. 26 U.S.C.
 10 §83(a). Compl., ¶¶ 11-13. For Uber’s employees, this tax is many times the strike price and can
 11 total hundreds of thousands of dollars, meaning that NSOs – unlike ISOs -- impede an employee’s
 12 ability to exercise the option depending on whether he or she has the financial resources to pay
 13 the tax. Compl., ¶¶ 23b-c.

14 In addition, after employees started work, Uber systematically imposed severe limits on
 15 the time frames that employees could exercise their options (which Uber terms “Trading
 16 Windows”), in further derogation of promises contained in its Employment Agreements. As a
 17 result, Uber employees were and are unable to exercise their options at the designated times, and
 18 some employees who left the Company were unable to exercise their remaining vested options at
 19 all because the Trading Windows were closed for the period of time they were permitted to
 20 exercise following their departure. Compl., ¶¶ 24-25.

21 Plaintiff is a senior software engineer employed by Uber who was victimized by this
 22 scheme and breaches of contract. In reliance upon Uber’s promise in the employment agreement
 23 that Plaintiff would receive 20,000 ISOs, in September 2014 Plaintiff accepted employment with
 24 Uber and re-located from the State of Washington to San Francisco. When Uber issued the grant
 25 of stock options to Plaintiff several months after he started his employment, Uber unilaterally
 26 changed the exercisability schedule and thereby reclassified 70% (almost 14,000) of those options
 27 as NSOs. Compl., ¶¶ 26-33. As a result of the requirement that an employee pay taxes on NSOs
 28 at the time of exercise, it was financially impracticable for Plaintiff to exercise all of his vested

1 “NSO” options. In addition, Uber refused to recognize several option exercises Plaintiff did
 2 make, asserting that the “Trading Window” was closed. Compl., ¶¶ 11-13.

3 Plaintiff brings this lawsuit on behalf of himself and the following classes and subclasses
 4 of similarly situated persons:

5 **UBER INCENTIVE STOCK OPTION CLASS:** All current and former employees of
 6 Uber during the four years prior to the filing of the Complaint, who were promised ISOs
 7 for Uber Stock in their Employment Agreements but some portion of whose options were
 8 deemed NSOs due to Uber imposing a shorter exercisability schedule in the Notice of
 9 Stock Option Grant than contained in the Employment Agreements.

10 **UBER TRADING WINDOW CLASS:** All current and former employees of Uber during
 11 the four years prior to the filing of the Complaint, who were prevented by Uber through
 12 the imposition of Trading Windows from exercising stock options for Uber stock in
 13 accordance with the timing of the exercisability schedule set forth in the Employment
 14 Agreements.

15 **RELOCATION SUBCLASS:** All current and former members of the Uber Incentive
 16 Stock Option Class and/or Uber Trading Window Class who, during the four years prior
 17 to the filing of the Complaint, relocated their residence to work for Uber. Compl., ¶ 34.

18 **B. Defendant’s Position**

19 On September 3, 2014, Plaintiff accepted an offer of employment from Uber (the
 20 “Employment Agreement”), which stated that “[s]ubject to the approval of the Company’s Board
 21 of Directors,” he would receive “a stock option covering 20,000 shares” of Uber’s common stock
 22 (the “Option”). The Employment Agreement explained that the Option would be “an *incentive*
 23 *stock option to the maximum extent allowed by the tax code,*” and expressly stated that the Option
 24 would be “subject to the other terms and conditions set forth in the Company’s 2013 Stock Plan .
 25 . . and in the Company’s standard form of Stock Option Agreement.”

26 Shortly after commencing employment with Uber, Plaintiff received a notice of stock
 27 option grant from Uber (the “Notice”), stating that his Option had been granted. Consistent with
 28 the Employment Agreement, the Stock Option Agreement provided Plaintiff with an Option to

1 purchase 20,000 shares, designated as ISOs to the maximum extent permitted under the Internal
 2 Revenue Code.¹ Plaintiff's Stock Option Agreement also provided that his Option would be "early
 3 exercisable" – that is, all of the shares subject to the Option (whether vested or not) could be
 4 exercised "in whole or in part" just six months after the date of the grant. As a result, all of the
 5 shares were exercisable in a single year. The aggregate value of such shares exceeded \$100,000.
 6 As such, the \$100,000 limit imposed by the Internal Revenue Code resulted in a portion of the
 7 shares being deemed ISOs (that portion with an aggregate value under \$100,000) and the
 8 remaining shares deemed NSOs (that portion in excess of \$100,000).

9 The Employment Agreement also included a broad arbitration agreement (the "Arbitration
 10 Agreement") requiring that any claims arising out of his employment with Uber, including those
 11 related to equity, be submitted to binding arbitration.

12 In May 2016, Plaintiff filed a complaint in San Francisco Superior Court asserting claims
 13 covered by the Arbitration Agreement, including breach of contract and misrepresentation, arising
 14 from the same set of facts alleged in this case. *See* Complaint, *McElrath III v. Uber Techs., Inc.*,
 15 No. CGC-16-551748 (Cal. Super. Ct., San Francisco Cnty., May 2, 2016). One day before the
 16 scheduled hearing on Uber's motion to compel arbitration of Plaintiff's claims, Plaintiff
 17 unilaterally amended his complaint to remove all claims covered by the Arbitration Agreement,
 18 leaving only a cause of action under the Private Attorney General Act ("PAGA"). *See* Amended
 19 Complaint, *McElrath III v. Uber Techs., Inc.*, No. CGC-16-551748 (Cal. Super. Ct., San Francisco
 20 Cnty., July 13, 2016). McElrath's PAGA claim was premised on Uber's alleged violations of
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25 ¹ The Internal Revenue Code does not permit employers to issue unlimited ISOs. Rather, the
 26 Internal Revenue Code imposes a \$100,000 limit on the total aggregate fair value of ISOs that are
 27 exercisable by an employee within a calendar year. 26 U.S.C. § 422(d). Under this rule, if the
 28 value of option shares that are exercisable by an employee in any given year exceeds \$100,000,
 the shares in excess of the \$100,000 limit cannot legally be ISOs – those must be NSOs. Unlike
 ISOs, NSOs are taxed at the time of either grant or exercise, and are subject to capital gains tax
 upon the sale of the stock.

1 three California Labor Code sections. (*Id.*) On December 9, 2016, the state court sustained Uber’s
 2 demurrer as to two of the three alleged labor code violations.²

3 Plaintiff responded to the state court’s order largely sustaining Uber’s demurrer by filing
 4 an overlapping, duplicative class action against Uber in the United States District Court, Northern
 5 District of California, asserting nearly identical claims from Plaintiff original complaint filed in
 6 the state action. On February 10, 2017, Uber filed a motion to compel arbitration of Plaintiff’s
 7 individual claims and stay the class claims, or alternatively, stay of the entire proceeding pending
 8 the Supreme Court’s review of *Morris v. Ernst & Young, LLP*, 834 F.3d 975 (9th Cir. 2016), *cert.*
 9 *granted* (U.S. Jan. 13, 2017). (*See* Dkt. 18.) Uber’s motion is scheduled for hearing on March
 10 23, 2017 at 9 a.m. before this Court.

11 **III. LEGAL ISSUES**

12 **A. Plaintiff’s Positions**

13 Plaintiff’s Complaint (ECF No.#1) states the following claims: (i) breach of contract, (ii)
 14 breach of implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, (iii) false promise, (iv) intentional
 15 misrepresentation, (v) violation of California Labor Code § 970, and (vi) violation of California
 16 Business & Professions Code §§ 17200 *et seq.* (the “UCL”). Plaintiff prays in the Complaint for
 17 compensatory, statutory, and punitive damages, restitution and disgorgement, specific
 18 performance, injunctive relief and attorneys’ fees.

19 The principal issues to be resolved include: (a) whether Uber breached the employment
 20 agreements of Plaintiff and the other purported class members by promising ISOs to the maximum
 21 extent permitted by the specified exercisability schedule and then later imposing an accelerated
 22 exercisability schedule which Uber claims disqualified all but \$100,000 of the options from ISO
 23 treatment, and also by later imposing Trading Windows in direct conflict with the exercisability
 24 schedules specified in the Employment Agreements; (b) whether Uber knowingly misled Plaintiff

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 27 ² On February 6, 2017, the state court granted the parties’ request to stay the action pending the
 28 entry of final judgment in this Court (not including any appeal), or further order of the state court.
Order, McElrath III v. Uber Techs., Inc., No. CGC-16-551748 (Cal. Super. Ct., San Francisco
 Cnty., Feb. 6, 2017).

1 and purported class members about these matters, (c) the extent to which Plaintiff and purported
 2 class members were damaged by Defendant's misrepresentations and breaches of contract, (c) the
 3 extent to which Defendant benefitted from its misrepresentations and breach of contract, (e) the
 4 validity and enforceability of the purported arbitration agreements and class action waivers, and
 5 (f) the propriety of class certification.

6 **B. Defendant's Position**

7 Defendant anticipates the following disputed points of law, among others, will arise in this
 8 case: (a) whether Plaintiff may assert a claim for breach of contract; (b) whether Plaintiff may
 9 assert a claim for breach of implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing; (c) whether Plaintiff
 10 may assert a claim for false promise; (d) whether Plaintiff may assert a claim for intentional
 11 misrepresentation; whether Plaintiff may assert a claim for violation of California Labor Code §
 12 970; (e) whether Plaintiff may assert a claim for violation of California Business & Professions
 13 Code §§ 17200 *et seq.*; (f) whether Plaintiff's claims are subject to the Arbitration Agreement and
 14 whether Plaintiff may maintain a class action; (g) whether a class may be certified; and (h) whether
 15 Plaintiff is entitled to compensatory, statutory, and punitive damages, restitution and
 16 disgorgement, specific performance, injunctive relief and attorneys' fees.

17 **IV. MOTIONS**

18 **A. Pending Motions**

19 Currently pending before this Court is Uber's Motion to Compel Arbitration of Plaintiff's
 20 Claims and Stay Class Claims, or in the alternative, stay entire proceeding, set for hearing on
 21 March 23, 2017. ECF #18. Plaintiff filed his opposition to Defendant's Motion on February 24,
 22 2017, and Defendant filed its reply in further support of the Motion on March 3, 2017. ECF ## 20,
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24 **B. Anticipated Motions**

25 **a. Plaintiff's Position**

26 At this time Plaintiff anticipates moving for summary judgment and for Class
 27 certification.

1 **b. Defendant's Position**

2 Defendant anticipates that it may move for summary judgment, and intends to oppose
3 any motion for summary judgment and motion for class certification.

4 **V. AMENDMENT OF PLEADINGS**

5 **A. Plaintiff's Position**

6 Plaintiff may seek to amend the pleadings based upon additional information obtained
7 through stipulations, disclosures or discovery or otherwise and reserves the right to do so as the
8 case progresses.

9 **B. Defendant's Position**

10 Defendant reserves the right to oppose any amendments to the pleadings that Plaintiff is
11 not entitled to as a matter of right.

12 **VI. EVIDENCE PRESERVATION**

13 **A. Plaintiff's Position**

14 The parties have met and conferred regarding reasonable and proportionate steps to
15 preserve evidence relevant to the issues reasonably evident in this action and shall follow the
16 Northern District of California Guidelines for the Discovery of Electronically Stored
17 Information.

18 **B. Defendant's Position**

19 Defendant's counsel has instructed Uber regarding its evidence preservation obligations,
20 and Uber has implemented document preservation protocols.

21 **VII. DISCLOSURES**

22 The parties had their Rule 26(f) conference on March 2, 2017. The parties intend to fully
23 and timely comply with the initial disclosure requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1)(C). The
24 parties will exchange initial disclosures by March 22, 2017.

1 **VIII. DISCOVERY**

2 **A. Discovery Taken To Date**

3 **a. Plaintiff's Position**

4 Discovery has not yet commenced. Plaintiff contends that discovery should commence
 5 immediately and that appropriately crafted procedures, as recommended in the *Manual for*
 6 *Complex Litigation*, also be employed.

7 **b. Defendant's Position**

8 Defendant contends that discovery should not proceed until after the Court has decided
 9 the pending motion to compel arbitration of Plaintiff's individual claims and stay the class
 10 claims, or alternatively, stay the entire proceeding. Discovery should not start until after that
 11 time because the Court's decision may have the effect of (1) moving the venue of the case to
 12 arbitration, and limiting the scope to just Plaintiff's individual claims; or (2) staying the case in
 13 its entirety pending the Supreme Court's decision in *Morris*.

14 **B. Scope of Anticipated Discovery**

15 **a. Plaintiff's Position**

16 Appropriate subjects for discovery include: Defendant's hiring policies and procedures;
 17 Defendant's recruitment strategies, policies and procedures; Defendant's policies and
 18 procedures concerning employee stock option grants; Defendant's policies and procedures
 19 concerning Trading Windows; Defendant's policies and procedures concerning stock option
 20 grant exercisability and vesting schedules; the process followed by Defendant's Board of
 21 Directors in deciding whether to approve and approving employment agreements, employee
 22 stock option grants, and notices of stock option grants; Defendant's adoption and use of a
 23 standardized employment agreement containing a four-year exercisability/vesting schedule;
 24 Defendant's adoption and use of a notice of stock option grant containing an accelerated
 25 exercisability schedule; Defendant's knowledge and communications concerning the \$100,000
 26 annual limit for ISOs; Defendant's tax filings and other financial records; the identities of all
 27 individuals falling into any of the above-described Classes or Subclass; Defendant's
 28 communications with all individuals falling into any of the above-described Classes or Subclass;

1 Defendant's agreements with all individuals falling into any of the above-described Classes or
 2 Subclass; Defendant's employee personnel files; Defendant's records of employee stock option
 3 grant exercise attempts and exercises; Defendant's loans to employees to cover stock option
 4 exercises.

5 **b. Defendant's Position**

6 Defendant contends that it is premature to decide the scope of discovery, and that the
 7 scope should not be defined until after the Court has decided the pending motion to compel
 8 arbitration of Plaintiff's individual claims and stay the class claims, or alternatively, stay the
 9 entire proceeding for the reasons stated in Section VIII.A(b), above.

10 **C. Electronically-Stored Information**

11 The Parties anticipate that discoverable information in this action will primarily be in
 12 electronic form. While the most effective and proportional methods of production of
 13 electronically stored information ("ESI") cannot yet be determined, the Parties agree to
 14 cooperate and confer about these issues if, and as, discovery proceeds.

15 **D. Privilege or Other Protections**

16 The Parties expect that discovery sought will involve confidential information.
 17 Accordingly, the Parties will attempt in good faith to agree to, and then obtain Court approval
 18 of, stipulated protective orders to protect certain confidential information in accordance with the
 19 Northern District's Model Agreement for Stipulated Protective Order for Standard Litigation.

20 **E. Limitations or Modifications of Discovery**

21 The Parties do not presently seek any modifications or limitations to the discovery
 22 provisions set forth in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, other than Defendant's position
 23 stated above with respect to the timing of discovery.

24 **IX. CLASS ACTIONS**

25 **A. Plaintiff's Position**

26 Plaintiff brings this class action under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(a)23(b)(1),
 27 23(b)(2) and/or 23(b)(3) for himself and appropriate class(es) of similarly-situated persons as
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1 stated in Section 2a above and presently defined in the Complaint (at ¶34), or as further defined
 2 in any subsequent amendments thereto.

3 The prospective Class consists of at least hundreds of Uber employees who were
 4 similarly affected by Defendant's described conduct.

5 There are many questions of law common to Plaintiff and purported Class Members,
 6 including, *inter alia*: whether Defendant entered into written Employment Agreements which
 7 promised Class Members that they would be granted ISOs to the maximum extent permitted by
 8 the tax code and under a four-year exercisability schedule; whether Defendant breached the
 9 Employment Agreements by imposing an accelerated exercisability schedule thereby causing
 10 many of the ISOs to be deemed NSOs by Defendant; whether Defendant breached the
 11 Employment Agreements by imposing Trading Windows which prevented Class Members from
 12 exercising options at the times permitted under the Employment Agreements; whether
 13 Defendant knowingly intended to deceive Plaintiff and purported Class Members by the
 14 foregoing conduct; whether Plaintiff and purported Class Members re-located their residences in
 15 reliance upon Defendant's promises.

16 The questions of law and fact common to Class Members predominate over any
 17 questions affecting only individual members and a class action is superior to all other available
 18 methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy. Moreover, Plaintiff's claims
 19 are typical of the claims of all other Class Members, and Plaintiff will fairly and adequately
 20 represent the interests of the other Class Members because Plaintiff has retained counsel with
 21 substantial experience in prosecution complex litigation and class actions. Plaintiff and his
 22 counsel are committed to prosecuting this action on behalf of Class Members and have the
 23 financial resources to do so.

24 Plaintiff intends to seek certification of the class(es) and subclass in accordance with the
 25 schedule outlined below.

26 **B. Defendant's Position**

27 Defendant believes that the class action waiver in the Arbitration Agreement Plaintiff
 28 signed with Uber is enforceable and precludes Plaintiff's class claims. (*See* Dkt. 20). Should

1 the Court deny Defendant's Motion to Compel Arbitration of Plaintiff's Individual Claims and
 2 Stay Class Claims, or in the Alternative, Stay Entire Proceeding, Defendant will oppose any
 3 motion to certify a class.

4 **X. RELATED CASES**

5 *McElrath v. Uber Technologies, Inc.*, Case No. CGC-16-551748, Superior Court of the
 6 State of California, County of San Francisco, filed May 2, 2016.

7 **XI. RELIEF**

8 **A. Plaintiff's Position**

9 Plaintiff seeks the following relief on behalf of himself and the putative Class: (i) actual,
 10 compensatory, and statutory damages; (ii) statutory double damages; (iii) punitive damages; (iv)
 11 specific performance; (v) injunctive relief; (vi) imposition of constructive trusts and restitution
 12 and disgorgement of any benefits wrongfully received or obtained by the Defendant; (vii)
 13 declaratory relief; (viii) pre- and post-judgment interest at the highest applicable legal rates; (ix)
 14 attorneys' fees and litigation expenses incurred through trial and any appeals; (x) costs of suit,
 15 and; (xi) such other and further relief that this Court deems just and proper.

16 **B. Defendant's Position**

17 Plaintiff's claims have no merit, and he is not entitled to relief of any kind.

18 **XII. SETTLEMENT AND ADR**

19 The parties agree that early private mediation may be appropriate in this case and intend
 20 to file a Stipulation and Proposed Order Selecting ADR Process.

21 **XIII. CONSENT TO MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR ALL PURPOSES**

22 The Parties have consented to have United States magistrate judge Jacqueline Scott
 23 Corley conduct all further proceedings in this case, including trial and entry of final judgment.

24 **XIV. OTHER REFERENCES**

25 The parties do not identify any potential references at this time.

26 **XV. NARROWING OF ISSUES**

27 **A. Plaintiff's Position**

28 Plaintiff does not believe issue-narrowing will be helpful in this case.

1 **B. Defendant's Position**

2 Defendant respectfully submits that it is premature to consider agreement to narrow
 3 issues for trial.

4 **XVI. EXPEDITED TRIAL PROCEDURE**

5 At this time, the Parties do not believe this case is appropriate for expedited trial
 6 procedures.

7 **XVII. SCHEDULING**

8 **A. Plaintiff's Position**

9 Plaintiff proposes the following schedule:

10 Deadline for amending pleadings	May 30, 2017
11 Designation of experts	November 9, 2017
12 Fact discovery cut-off	November 17, 2017
13 Hearing of dispositive motions	January 15, 2018
14 Expert discovery cut-off	February 2, 2018
15 Pre-trial conference	May 2, 2018
16 Trial	May 9, 2018

17 **B. Defendant's Position**

18 Defendant disagrees that the schedule set forth in Plaintiff's position is appropriate, but
 19 in any event, respectfully submits that it is premature to consider a case schedule until
 20 Defendant's Motion to Compel Arbitration of Plaintiff's Individual Claims and Stay Class
 21 Claims, or in the Alternative, Stay Entire Proceeding is decided, as the Court's decision on that
 22 motion may affect the scope and/or timing of this case.

23 **XVIII. TRIAL**

24 **A. Plaintiff's Position**

25 Plaintiff estimates an expected length of trial of 3-4 weeks.

26 **B. Defendant's Position**

27 Defendant respectfully submits that it is premature to estimate an expected length of the
 28 trial.

1 **XIX. DISCLOSURE OF NON-PARTY INTERESTED ENTITIES OR PERSONS**

2 The Parties have filed Certificates of Interested Entities or Persons.

3 Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 7.1, Plaintiff states that Plaintiff and the
4 putative class members (i) have a financial interest in the subject matter in controversy or in a
5 party to the proceeding, or (ii) have a non-financial interest in that subject matter or in a party
6 that could be substantially affected by the outcome of the proceeding:

7 Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 7.1, Uber states that it is a privately-held
8 corporation with no parent corporation or publicly-held corporation that owns 10 percent or
9 more of its stock. Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 3-15, Uber certifies that as of this date no such
10 interest is known other than that of the named parties to the action.

11 **XX. OTHER ISSUES**

12 The Parties do no currently anticipated any other issues.

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14 Dated: March 16, 2017

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19 Dated: March 16, 2017

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25 **ATTESTATION**

26 I, R. Scott Erlewine, am the ECF user whose identification and password is being used to
27 file the instant document. Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 5-1(i)(3), I hereby attest that all counsel
28 whose electronic signatures appear above provided their authority and concurrence to file this
document.

/s/ R. Scott Erlewine
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